Republic of the Philippines
Province of Samar
CITY OF CATBALOGAN
Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-011
Series of 2020

DECLARING AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN CATBALOGAN CITY, EXPRESSLY REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-010 SERIES OF 2020 PROMULGATING THE INTENSIFIED LOCALIZED GUIDELINES TOWARDS THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF CATBALOGAN

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the rights to health of the people;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Presidential Proclamation No. 929 has declared throughout the Philippines a State of Calamity due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and through such declaration, will, among others, afford the National Government, as well as LGUs, ample latitude to utilize appropriate funds, including the Quick Response Fund, in disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to continue to provide basic services to the affected population;

WHEREAS, as of March 19, 2020, as reported by the City Health Office, there are 785 persons under monitoring (PUM) and 24 persons under investigation (PUI) in Catbalogan City;

WHEREAS, despite the posted urgent hiring call for medical doctors and registered nurses who were intended to augment the health human resource of the city government, the city still lacks the sufficient workforce to manage and monitor PUIs and PUMs as well as the eventually of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the city;

WHEREAS, with the absence of testing facility to officially detect and confirm cases of COVID-19, delayed delivery of procured testing kits and absence of trained personnel to conduct the testing, the city government is as if fighting without essentially knowing who the real targets are and as an effect is not effective and efficient;

WHEREAS, despite the declaration of a General Community Quarantine in the entire city through Executive Order No. 03-010 issued on March 17, 2020 that promulgated the restriction in transportation, social mobility, gatherings, business and commercial activities, a significant portion of the general public is still disobedient of the restrictions and prohibitions set in the said Order and that the objective of quarantine to lessen mobility is still defeated, thus, the Inter-Agency Task Force Against COVID-19 has recommended an intensified and extensive management of situation;

WHEREAS, additionally, it is also mandated that every local government unit has to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

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NOW THEREFORE, I, DEXTER M. UY, Mayor of Catbalogan City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the City of Catbalogan under Enhanced Community Quarantine, expressly repealing Executive Order No. 03-010 series of 2020 and promulgate the following intensified localized guidelines towards the prevention of COVID-19:

SECTION 1. Specific Guidelines of Enhanced Community Quarantine.

A. Transportation

1. All sea, land and air transportation within Catbalogan City are all suspended;
2. In order to assist medical, security, government personnel, essential workers, and general public with home quarantine pass, a point-to-point bus system facilitated by the City Government will be provided with an identified schedule and routes;
3. No individuals will be allowed entry, except if the following can provide proof of identification or certificate of employment:
   a. Medical personnel;
   b. Accredited media;
   c. Military and uniformed personnel; and
   d. Personnel from nearby LGUs transacting official business in Catbalogan City for their respective relief operations following the required protocols;
4. Entry of shipments or deliveries of basic commodities shall be allowed provided that proof of identification and shipment documents will be presented at checkpoints; and
5. Transit of vehicles carrying passengers and observing social distancing shall be allowed passage via diversion road only;

B. Social Mobility

1. Any Catbalogan resident not falling under A.3. category shall be allowed entry to the city only once upon presentation of proof of residency and shall therefore be disallowed re-entry while this declaration subsist;
2. Those working in Catbalogan not falling under A.3. category but are residing outside the city shall be allowed to leave but will be prohibited re-entry;
3. Any person availing emergency medical and/or surgical services from any medical institutions within Catbalogan City with their driver, and one (1) companion/caregiver may be allowed entry provided that they shall provide appropriate medical proof such as, but not limited to medical records, doctor's orders, referrals from health facilities;
4. Only one (1) person per household shall be allowed to go out from their respective houses once a day to purchase food and medicine and must wear protective masks when going out from their houses;
5. One (1) quarantine pass shall be distributed per household;
6. Barangays shall monitor the strict implementation of quarantine pass, those who will violate will be summoned to the City Barracks;
7. Barangays are ordered to maintain one entrance or exit in their respective communities and restrict non-essential movements;
8. Barangays with the assistance of City Health Office (CHO), Barangay Health Monitoring (BHM) and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) shall also assist their respective constituents in addressing mild

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medical problems, provide each household if funds are available, vitamin c, paracetamol, masks;

C. Business Operation

1. Only the following businesses shall be allowed to operate:
    a. Restaurants and Food Businesses – to operate on pick-up and delivery schemes only and no dine-in operations;
    b. Pharmacies, Grocery Stores and Pharmacy/Grocery Stores – to operate with social distancing and purchase limits;
    c. Medical, Dental and related services;
    d. Gasoline and Fuel Stations – to operate with social distancing and purchase limits;
    e. Water and Electricity Providers;
    f. Government Institutions;
    g. Financial and Banking Institutions;
    h. Telecommunications and Internet Services;
    i. Media Outlets and Stations;
2. All businesses allowed to operate shall have operating hours of up to 08:00 PM only, except those which by its nature must operate for 24 hours:
    a. Hospitals and Birthing Facilities;
    b. Gasoline and Fuel Stations; and
    c. Pharmacies;
3. Shipments of groceries to customers outside Catbalogan City may be allowed exit and re-entry provided that proper identifications of employees and transaction records are presented; and
4. The Joint Inspection Team (JIT), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Local Price Monitoring Council, City Business Processing and Licensing Office (City BPLO) and City Treasurer's Office (CTO) shall vc vimplement the provisions of the Order. Violators shall be subjected to fines and penalties that the Sangguniang Panlungsod may herein after provide through an ordinance, violators who are not residents of Catbalogan shall not be allowed to enter Catbalogan City during the effectivity of this order.

D. Curfew

1. Curfew shall be imposed to the general public 24/7, except for individuals with valid home quarantine passes, which will be allowed only until 09:00 PM;
2. Exemptions shall be made for those workers providing essential services such as:
    a. Government employees assigned to COVID-19 response;
    b. Uniformed personnel such as police, military, fire, coast guard, and other security personnel; and
    c. Individuals working at business specified under Letter C under 1.a. to 1.i. with appropriate identifications and proof of employment;

E. Liquor Ban

1. Sale, purchase, and consumption of liquor and shall be prohibited in full force and effect while the Public Health Emergency subsists;

SECTION 2. SUSPENSION OF WORK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES. Work in government offices shall be limited to medical, disaster preparedness, security, social services, and financial transactions only. All other departments and offices shall observe work from home scheme and shall be evaluated regularly and superseded with any issuances if necessary.

SECTION 3. SUSPENSION OF CLASSES. The suspension of classes in all levels in both public and private schools in Catbalogan City is hereby extended to April 15, 2020.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are not consistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect on March 22, 2020 at exactly 12:01 AM until 11:59 PM of April 15, 2020 unless earlier revoked or extended.

SO ORDERED, this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

DEXTER M. UY
City Mayor